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Subject: RE: DALNET Budget TF: Conference Call October 24, 2003. Follow-up



Budget



Host site

?..Scenarios.Revised.10..specifications.TLN.1...Dear DALNET Budget TF members,

Thank you for your time on Friday. Here is my understanding of our discussion and agreements:

1) After reviewing both of the revised proposals from Wayne, the Task Force prefers Option B, since it includes a larger salary budget that would enable DALNET to retain more staff. In reviewing the revised proposals, the group identified several items in need of clarification. I've copied you on the note I sent to Sandy and Bob today, seeking additional information on these issues.

2) TLN. The Library Network has compiled the information we requested. Please see the attachment labeled "Host Site Specs." To allay concerns we heard at the Board meeting about aligning with a public library cooperative, I have contacted Kevin Brandon, Concordia College Library Director, to see if he is willing to participate in a conference call with DALNET librarians. This will enable our members to learn from one of their counterparts who is familiar with participation in TLN.

3) Next steps. The Budget Task Force wants to review the alternative cost scenarios, propose the best available options, then ask Executive Committee to make a recommendation for the Board. As a first step, the Task Force will develop criteria, and then use them to assess the options. Proposed criteria include: (a) Sustaining the critical mass of staffing necessary for DALNET to continue as a viable organization; and (b) affordable upfront and ongoing costs. To support your review, I'm attaching a revised cost scenario workbook, along with the decision matrices we discussed.

4) Parking lot. The Task Force identified several issues we'll need to address at some point, including: (a) If DPL misses the 1 October 2004 target date for launching their new ILS, will DPL need support from DALNET? (b) If DALNET moves to TLN, we'll need to create an implementation plan. (c) Would it be helpful to have a transition period for moving to TLN and migrating to a new ILS? (d) If DALNET moves, what happens to the DALNET servers? They belong to WSU, so they would presumably stay at Wayne.

5) Next meeting. At 9 AM on Friday, 31 October, the Task Force will confer by phone to review the attachments and to determine its next best steps.